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# Harcourt Community Centre burns to ground



The Harcourt Community Centre was destroyed in a fire on Sunday, Nov. 28. Photo by Tammy Donaldson

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Birthday parties, weddings, anniversary celebrations, showers and much more.

The Harcourt Community Centre has been host to thousands of these types of celebrations over the past few decades, since it was built more than 50 years ago.

Now what remains of the popular small town community centre on the edge of the boundaries of Dysart et al is merely white brick walls and piles of debris that include shells of what were once kitchen ovens and piles of chinaware.

The blaze that destroyed the community centre in the hamlet of Harcourt started some time before 7 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29.

Harcourt resident and municipal Councillor Tammy Donaldson was one of the first to see the flames, which appeared reflected in the windows of the house across the street from where she lives.

Residing diagonally from the centre, Donaldson could see the smoke and flames when she looked out into her backyard.

The first thought that went through her mind was how is this happening?

"It's such a monumental ... I mean people come to Harcourt for the community centre, that's the only thing that's left here," she said. "It was like I can't believe what I'm seeing."

The call to 9-1-1 was made by

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## School board reviewing accommodation policy

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

A letter circulating to area councils from the Trillium Lake-

lands District School Board has some politicians worried about the future of local schools.

During the past month, TLDSB has been sending out a draft pupil accommodation pol-

icy and procedure document for councillors to review, as per guidelines set out by the Ministry of Education.

As stated in the letter from Bob Kaye, CFO and superin-

tendent of business for TLDSB, "the new pupil accommodation review procedure will provide for consultation with our community partners to gather and

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### Air con. unit fills office with smoke

The Haliburton fire department was called to Floyd Hall Insurance Friday, Nov. 27 at 7:45 a.m. for smoke in the building. The heating and air conditioning unit had malfunctioned. The unit was examined by the fire department. No other damage was found, said fire chief Miles Maughan. JENN WATT Staff

## Poverty action plan outlines barriers to employment

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Addressing barriers to employment and continuing education – such as transportation and affordable child care and housing – could help reduce poverty in Haliburton County.

Executive director of the Kawartha Lakes Family Health Team Mike Perry and public health nurse Mary Lou Mills visited Haliburton County councillors on Nov. 25 to present an employment and education action plan, part of the poverty reduction strategy for the county and City of Kawartha Lakes.

Information for the strategy, which has been a years-long process, was collected through research as well as residents surveys.

Initially, the surveys were filled out mainly by social services workers and educators, Perry said.

"So we redid the survey because we wanted to hear from people who are experiencing poverty at the moment," he told councillors. "No one we talked to was looking for a handout."

What they were looking for was better access to jobs, continuing education and skills training. However, there can be barriers to accessing those opportunities, one such barrier being child care.

As Mills pointed out, in the current economy, many people are employed precariously, through contract or part-time work.

"When people are precariously employed, they tend to work varying hours," Mills said, adding this does not coalesce well with an outdated child care system that offers 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours.

Other barriers include lack of affordable housing, transportation and high-speed Internet.

"High-speed Internet is again a huge asset that is needed," Mills said, referring to one case of single mother who wanted to take some online courses but couldn't because she couldn't get reliable Internet.

"We're losing all the middle income," Mills continued, explaining there is increased demand for highly skilled people and lower pay for those without such skills.

The percentage of Ontarians making within \$4 of minimum wage per hour has risen from 19.8 per cent in 1997 to 29.4 per cent in 2014.

Mills said that according to research, 70 per cent of all jobs in the area within the next six years will require some form of post-secondary education, meanwhile some 15 per cent of students in the area are still not graduating high school.

Perry, who was the NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the October federal election, said that, "All candidates agreed and found that creating jobs in the area is the No. 1 priority in this riding."

Perry stressed the importance of having a skilled work force. If an IT company announced that it wanted to set up shop in Minden, for example, would Haliburton County have the workforce to be able to accommodate that, he posed.

Among the recommendations in the plan is the development and implementation of strategies to target business and industry retention and expansion and to attract new businesses that provide stable employment and a living wage.

A living wage means one that allows a person to pay for more than just the bare necessities. For Haliburton County, a living wage is in the area of \$15 to \$16 dollars an hour.

Other recommendations of the plan are to collaborate with community stakeholders to develop a workforce development and training program based on labour force needs; improving infrastructure such as broadband, high-speed Internet and transportation; and increasing life and job skills readiness programs.

"What it needs is political will," Perry said. "We challenge council with this agenda."

County Warden and Dysart el al Reeve Murray Fearrey told Perry that he had the easy part of the job – creating the report – and that implementation was a lot more difficult.

Fearrey pointed to the financial stresses being put on townships by the province, such as the new OPP billing model.

## Board evaluates schools' usage annually

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share information and identify any interests from the community partners prior to an accommodation review."

Earlier this year *The Echo* reported that schools across TLDSB were seeing a decline in enrolment numbers, particularly among secondary schools.

At a Jan. 27 TLDSB board meeting it was reported the board was expecting to see a three per cent decline in elementary school populations and a 5.4 per cent decline amongst secondary schools.

Area schools are all under capacity according to board standards, with the exception of Stuart Baker Elementary School.

According to the draft policy, its purpose is to provide a framework of minimum standards for school boards to undertake pupil accommodation reviews to determine the future of a school or group of schools.

"This guideline ensures that where a decision is taken by a school board regarding the future of a school, that decision is made with the involvement of an informed local community and is based on a broad range of criteria regarding the quality of the learning experience for students," states the draft.

According to Catherine Shedden, TLDSB spokesperson, policies and procedures come up for review every five years.

"If applicable, we will request feedback from our com-

munity partners," she said.

"In the case of the Pupil Accommodation Review Policy and Procedure, there are now Ministry of Education guidelines that state that we must offer the opportunity for feedback to our policy from the municipalities within our district."

Shedden said there are no accommodation reviews scheduled for the board at the moment, however TLDSB does review the use of every facility on a yearly basis.

"There will be a facility capacity report coming to the board in the new year which may or may not result in schools within TLDSB being considered for consolidation, reorganization or closure. The Ministry of Education has directed school boards to take steps to mitigate costs of under-utilized space. So far in TLDSB, this has resulted in closing unused classrooms to reduce costs."

Highlands East councillors raised concerns with the draft policy at their Nov. 9 meeting of council, passing a resolution requesting that lower tier municipalities have input into decision-making on their local schools' possible closures in all scenarios.

In 2009, a program and accommodation review committee decided to keep both the Cardiff and Wilberforce elementary schools open, recommending that Cardiff ES host children from JK to Grade 3 and Wilberforce ES have students from Grade 4 to 8.

The recommendation was adopted and remains in effect to this day.

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# New doc from The Land Between examines hunting

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

When Leora Berman was thinking of a star for a new documentary she was planning, she never dreamt she would find such an ideal candidate.

Berman, who is the founder and CEO of conservation group The Land Between, thought it would be great to feature a vegan in the film.

Then Erin Carmody fell into her lap.

"Erin came up to help me with the Donald building," said Berman referring to a side project restoring a building near Haliburton.

She was a 26-year-old student who was completing her Masters of Botany at the time.

Carmody was raised in Los Angeles and does not look like your typical hunter. With long blonde locks, painted fingernails and a (former) vegan, the young woman had never hunted and had a fear of guns prior to starring in a new documentary titled *My First Shot*.

A film that delves into the sometimes controversial subject of hunting, *My First Shot* was filmed over the past year in and around the Haliburton area.

Executive producer, Berman said the venture was important because it fell into TLB's mandate, which is to research, celebrate and preserve the social aspects of the region.

"This is a very sensitive, political, social project," she said about the documentary. "This is a very complicated issue. Hunting is not just about city and country or hunter and non-hunter. It's about food sources. It's also about conservation ... there are so many complexities and so many buttons that can be pushed. So we wanted to make sure we hit them all."

Going into the project there were already preconceived ideas about hunting, something Berman was acutely aware of.

It was her and her film crew's intention to challenge these notions, which she said has already resulted in dialogue, even though the documentary hasn't even wrapped up filming.

"Even before it's been released I've gotten phone calls from colleagues, who are really esteemed friends of mine, and we debate hunting and they were pretty upset with me," she said. "And then I've gotten calls from people who love The Land Between ... and they've been very upset with me and I think that's important. That's what this film's meant to do, is to generate dialogue. That it's already happening is great and they haven't even seen the film."

Three years ago Berman began thinking about the project, after witnessing a lot of judgment and bias on the subject of hunting and hunters.

"Although hunting and hunters are not perfect ... hunting was a scapegoat for our environmental issues or our wildlife management issues," she said.

Berman points to other factors such as the destruc-



Erin Carmody, front, tries her hand at hunting for the first time which was documented in a film titled *My First Shot*. A project of The Land Between, the documentary looks at wildlife management through the practice of hunting. Submitted

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***Hunting is not just about city and country or hunter and non-hunter. It's about food sources. It's also about conservation.***

— Leora Berman

tion of habitats and shorelines and development patterns which are a bigger detriment to wildlife.

"It was important to explore hunting without bias," she said.

And so she turned to Carmody to look at the subject with a fresh perspective.

Work on the film began last year and the hope is to

release it in spring of 2016.

Shot north of Curve Lake, the film doesn't have a broadcaster yet, however Berman is hoping to have it screened at the International Documentary Film Festival next year.

Berman was behind the release of *The Land Between*, a documentary which aired on TVO.

That project was viewed by 600,000 people.

Berman thinks *My First Shot* will be even more popular, given the subject matter.

Once completed, it will be less than an hour in length and include a variety of interviews representing differences of opinions.

Keith Hodgson and Kim Roberts, area advocates for wildlife and forestry management, are featured in the film.

The primary funder of the project was Wildlife Habitat Canada, however the project is still seeking sponsors.

*My First Shot* is not yet finished, as Carmody went out for her first hunt just a few weeks ago.

Was she successful?

Viewers will have to tune in next spring to find out.

For more information on the documentary, including a trailer available for viewing, visit [www.myfirstshot.ca](http://www.myfirstshot.ca).

## Convictions in Ryan Kennedy murder case

CHAD INGRAM and ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporters

Three of the four men charged with murder in the 2011 killing of Haliburton County man Ryan Kennedy have been convicted on various charges.

Kennedy was killed on Oct. 19, 2011 just outside Minden. At about 11:45 p.m. police and EMS crews found Kennedy and another man bound and beaten at a residence off South Lake Road. While one man survived, Kennedy, 21, succumbed to his injuries.

Four Toronto men – Mason Gillard-Gatza, Tin Wai Hong, Nathaniel Cain and Raphael Guerra, who ranged in age from 19 to 27 at the time – were each charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder.

They were apprehended in the Minden area within about 24 hours of the crime.

An initial trial ended in mistrial in March of 2014.

Jury deliberations in the second trial began on Nov. 18 and on Nov. 21, the jury found Hong guilty of second-degree murder on the first charge and assault causing bodily harm on the second.

Gillard-Gatza was found guilty of manslaughter on

count one and assault causing bodily harm on count two. The verdict was the same for Cain, guilty of manslaughter and assault causing bodily harm.

Guerra was found not guilty on both counts.

As for sentencing, a spokesperson from the Superior Court in Oshawa told the the paper sentencing was spoken to on Nov. 24, but has been adjourned to Feb. 29 and March 1, for two days worth of submissions.

"He may give a decision that day or he may adjourn it again for the actual sentence," she said.



# Loss of building brings back memories of good times

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several parties, first by community centre neighbour Paul Rowbotham. Although the building is technically in the municipality of Dysart et al, a mutual aid agreement saw Highlands East firefighters attend the scene, due to the proximity of their fire halls.

Highlands East fire chief Bill Wingrove said they got the call at 6:54 a.m. and were on scene by 7:08 a.m.

Thirty-one firefighters attended the blaze, which took three hours to put out, he said.

Wingrove said at this time the fire is not suspected to be suspicious and the fire marshal has not been called to investigate.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire. A janitor was the last to have been there a day prior.

According to a press release from Dysart fire chief Miles Maughan, upon investigation it is believed the fire started in the ceiling/attic area above the kitchen, before spreading to the roof.

"We're 90 per cent sure it was electrical," said Wingrove when asked about the cause of the fire. "It was burning in the attic for quite a while before it broke through."

Donaldson began taking pictures right around 7 a.m., prior to firefighters arriving on the scene.

Photos were posted to the community centre's Facebook page and comments quickly began to flood the page. Comments from those who live in the area and others from residents who have long since left.

The pictures from the blaze were shared by more than 160 people.

"So sad to see this gone," wrote



Above, Highlands East firefighters control the blaze at the Harcourt Community Centre on Sunday, Nov. 28. Photo by Tammy Donaldson  
Right, not much remained of the beloved building the day after the fire.  
ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Michelle Purto. "So many great memories there."

The memories being shared on the social media site are a testament to the building and the place it holds in people's hearts.

"When Martin Lumber was here there was a lot of people there," said Donaldson. "It was the people that were inside that made up the hall. I mean it's just a building ... we were eating breakfast at the diner and people were saying I had my first dance in there. I got married in there."

The fire chief had a similar experience, with those watching the building go up in

smoke sharing their stories of the place.

"You wouldn't believe how many people came up to me when I was standing there and [said] you know we got married there 30 years ago or we had our reception there," said Wingrove.

Ed Otto has been a volunteer at the centre for the past 17 years, calling bingo on Wednesday nights. He has many memories within the walls of the building and said he doesn't know what he's going to do this coming Wednesday.

Looking at the building where he has spent hundreds of hours, Otto is saddened to think of all the memorabilia that hung on the walls that will never be

replaced.

The original part of the community centre dates back to the 1950s, with an addition that was added in 1974.

Wingrove said everything inside the building was destroyed, right down to the plates and cutlery.

"It's all melted and twisted," he said.

Donaldson says the centre will be rebuilt, making it more modern and up to code.

The councillor is confident the hamlet will rally together and work towards creating a new place for memories to be made.

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# GeoTour plans expansion after strong year

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Staff Reporter

The GeoTour committee has been hard at work planning for the next few years, with ideas on how to expand their popular attraction in Highlands East.

On Nov. 23 geocaching committee member Joanne Vanier made a delegation to council, outlining a development plan the committee had created and requesting financial support moving forward with the project.

The plan covers the next three years with ideas on how to expand the popular GeoTour from now until 2018.

Some of the main elements of the plan include the creation of GeoArt, expanding the tour from 100 caches to 150 in 2017 (to coincide with the country's 150th birthday), and creating a new cache canoe route along the Irondale river.

"When we had such an overwhelming success of our GeoTour we knew that we needed to keep the momentum going and build upon it," said Vanier in an interview with *The Echo*.

The committee would like to see the formation of an information centre in the municipality, which would greatly aid in promoting the tour as well as other area events.

"We would love to see an information centre in Wilberforce," said Vanier. "I think council is in favour of it too but they can't commit until they do their budget deliberations."

Vanier told *The Echo* the GeoTour heavily relies on Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce, where the information and materials are made available to the public.

"We need a place not just for geocaching but for the mineral tours and information about our hikes," she said.

In total, the GeoTour committee is requesting more than \$20,000 in funds, to complete the many phases of their development plan.

The money will go towards a variety of things, such as maintaining the caches that currently exist, paying for a website domain, purchasing materials and promoting the tour.

The bulk of the request is for the implementation of an information centre, with costs going towards staffing and equipment.

Formerly working under the umbrella of the Algonquin Gateway Business Association, the committee recently became a committee of council, a decision made by councillors earlier this year.

Vanier said the change was a good move based on the growth of the tour and the fact it encompasses the entire municipality.

"It's so nice to be getting positive feedback from the people who are doing the geocaching and from business owners and from council. They are continuously giving us praise and thanking us for the work," said Vanier.

Council passed a resolution at their Nov. 23 meeting granting \$2,000 to the committee, which was divided up by allocating \$400 from each of the five advisory committees to the GeoTour committee.

The additional request for funds was deferred until budget deliberations in 2016.

Vanier told the paper the \$2,000 will go towards the creation of the GeoArt and to maintaining the caches in place.

The GeoTour committee members are all volunteers, said Vanier.



## Fun in French

New Highlands residents Andy Vartanian, left, and his son Johnathon, who is a Grade 1 French immersion student at Stuart Baker Elementary School, embrace while waiting for their turn in the board game Life (Destins in French) during the Jeuxdi Night on Thursday night from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. at J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in the library. Hosted by the Canadian Parents for French, the games event encourages French use and practice and invites all students from primary to high school, including parents/guardians to accompany. The event is free for CPF members and by donation for non-members. /DARREN LUM Staff

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## Urgent care

**M**ORE ATTENTION and resources need to go into caring for the aging in this country, this province and this region.

There are now more Canadians over 65 than under 15, nearly 15 per cent of those have dementia or Alzheimer's, and in Haliburton County the demographics are even more skewed with 28 per cent of us older than 65.

Health care of any kind is costly and as much as we want to provide everyone with all the support they need, no system is perfect.

However, last week our local MPP Laurie Scott sounded the alarm over long-term care beds and the government's tardiness on a capacity study that would allocate beds into our LTC homes.

Her stats are convincing. In Queen's Park last week, Scott told the legislature that Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock has 770 frail seniors on wait lists and that the Central East LHIN (of which Haliburton County is a part) "has the lowest ratio of supply versus demand for long-term care beds in the province."

Haliburton Highlands Health Services CEO Varouj Eskedjian confirms that: the wait to get into Highland Wood in Haliburton is between 18 and 24 months; at Hyland Crest in Minden it is 10 to

16 months.

Eskedjian is eager to read the results of the study, which has been 12 years in the making.

(He also points out that caring for frail seniors means strong home support services, seniors housing and other home-care options.)

Very little in health care doesn't seem urgent. We need every advance in technology, every extra dollar for staffing, every ounce of research time we can

get to address a sea of wellness and illness concerns. But this – caring for the elderly in our population – is particularly pressing.

The Conservatives' critic for long-term care Bill Walker notes that 15 per cent on LTC waitlists pass away before being placed in homes.

Responding to Scott's criticisms, the Associate Minister of Health and Long-Term Care pointed out that the Liberals have created some 10,000 new spots since coming to office and that wait times have decreased 45 per cent in the last seven years.

We should celebrate that improvement, but it doesn't mean we should be comfortable with how long it's taking to find out about beds.

We don't have time to wait – our elderly friends, family and neighbours need answers now.



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## Editorial



Fall scene on Eagle Lake

by Darren Lum

## Poster fairies

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I have special appreciation for posters because whenever I travel I always take the time to pay attention to them.

It's how my family and I learn about what is going on in an area. I especially love busy poster walls because to me it is a sign that it is a vibrant place with lots to do and that people in the community are passionate and interested and dedicated to whatever they are promoting from concerts to bake sales to art shows to fitness classes.

I always appreciate that business owners/managers allow posters in their space. This past week I donned my own poster fairy wings and headed out to put up posters about the upcoming performance of *The Nutcracker* being put on by Heritage Ballet.

It is the kind of job that I resist doing and yet once I got out there was so heart warmed by the response from business owners and other places who welcomed me and were delighted to put the poster up.

What I particularly enjoyed were the conversations I had with people as I put the posters up. Some had questions about the event, and others shared their own story of having attended the show previous years, or of having seen the National Ballet performances in other cities.

As I cruised around town and talked about this year's performance of *The*

*Nutcracker* and how there are two special guest Ukrainian Dancers, Jennifer and Paul coming from Winnipeg, I had this vision of the whole town knowing about the event, and welcoming Paul and Jennifer as they spend five days here.

No doubt they will eat in local restaurants, buy groceries and shop while they are here. Our committee that is bringing Jennifer and Paul here has sent them lots of information

about our county and how friendly we are, and what makes us so unique.

Our intention is that they will feel that warm embrace and go home with lots of great stories about their experience here.

I am fascinated by how we as a village and as a county promote events to our own community members and to people who are visiting. There is so much to do

here all the time and how do we keep getting the word out? Social media is part of the puzzle, but nothing replaces personal storytelling and one-to-one word of mouth about an event.

So thank you to all the people who are behind the scenes of every event putting up posters and spreading the word. And thanks to everyone who lets a poster hang in their building. It all helps. I hope to see everyone tonight at the United Church in Haliburton as the Highland Festival Singers perform at 7:30 – Halleluja! It's Christmas and this weekend is *The Nutcracker* on Saturday or Sunday. These events will warm your Christmas heart!

Tales from  
the great



Lynda  
Shadbolt

## green meadow



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# points of view

## Thorn free

I'M NOT SAYING that I'm clumsy around hawthorns. Let's just say when I get home from grouse hunting, I'm not allowed to drink red wine in the house until we figure out where I'm leaking. Hawthorns, with their long, vicious thorns, are the curse of upland hunters everywhere. Conversely, they are much appreciated by grouse, hares and woodcock that use them for cover.

All this is to say, if you take up small game hunting, you are soon going to find yourself skewered.

I felt the sting of a thorn in the side of my knee a couple of weeks back, and by the time I limped into the house a couple of hours later, my knee was swollen and my mobility severely limited to brief forays to the fridge and back.

Two days later, I made a trip to our emergency department. Admittedly, I was somewhat embarrassed about it. You see normally, I'd tough it out and let the thorn back out on its own accord. I've had them pop out months later.

This time, however, I had the misfortune of recently reading Hemingway's short story *The Snows of Kilimanjaro*, in which the main character, Harry, is lying on a camp cot dying of gangrene caused by a thorn scratch that went septic.

Suddenly, it struck me that there were too many similarities to ignore. Harry was a hunter. So was I. Harry suffered a grievous thorn injury. Me too. Harry was devastatingly good looking and a trophy husband. Guilty as charged. He was also grouchy and embarrassed about the incident. Check. His wound went septic. We have a septic system. Yikes.

But it was the last eerie coincidence that made me insist on being driven to emerg. You see, Hemingway wrote about Harry. And I was about to.

Luckily, when I arrived at the hospital, the triage area was empty, so they took me right in. Luckier still,



steve  
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Loon Tales

my doctor was on call.

"What seems to be the problem this time?" he asked.

"A thorn," I said, perhaps too bravely.

"Where?"

I pointed valiantly to my boo boo.

I suppose years of medical practice has made my doctor immune from fainting outright at the sight of horrible, grievous injuries. I'm not sure where he learned to snicker quietly though.

All I know is he remained overly calm as he dealt with perhaps the most courageous patient he had ever encountered – that night.

"Tell me straight doc," I said. "Will I lose the leg?"

The fact that he never replied made me nervous.

He then brought out a sophisticated medical kit – a needle, tweezers and antiseptic – and began to operate.

I'm not sure if it was hours later or whether that three minutes seemed overly long. All I know is that, in the end, the operation was a partial success.

"I got a small piece out," he said. He then hit me with the bad news. It was his considered medical opinion that to try to get the rest out would cause more harm than good.

"There's just a tiny bit in there and it doesn't seem infected," he said.

At a time like this, you get confused. I mean, traditionally when someone removes a thorn from your paw, you are supposed to remember it for life and return the favour sometime. This was a grey area, however. My doctor only removed a partial thorn from my knee.

So I've settled on the idea of buying him a coffee sometime and calling it even.

In any case, you're probably happy to hear that I have cheated death once again. On Sunday morning, another three-eighths of an inch of thorn backed out from the wound.

Now, only a small portion of the tip remains lodged in me as a reminder of the dangers of tangling with small birds. The swelling has also gone down and the scar, vicious as it was, is beginning to fade.

Believe it or not I'll be heading back to the hawthorns again this week to chase grouse and snowshoe hares.

And maybe I'll stop to buy two coffees along the way.



## pic of the past

S.S. No. 5 Stanhope school is seen here in a photo taken circa 1945. Photo submitted by Karen Eager.

## letters to the editor

### Two symphonies are better than one

To the Editor,

Last Saturday evening I experienced the joy, the richness, the local musical talent, the sense of community, and the dedication at the presentation of The Highlands Chamber Orchestra's *Roots* at the Northern Lights Pavilion in Haliburton.

Last Saturday evening after the first concert I experienced a second symphony. I experienced the joy, the richness, the vibrancy at the presentation of the first snowfall in the Highlands as I drove back in the darkness to my cottage on Eagle

Lake with a blast of winter whiteness.

Both "symphonies" woke me up to the sacredness of slowness, to heightened sensations of sound and sight, to life's beauty. Both kept me focused and connected to my breath. With both symphonies I experienced the wonder as if for the very first time.

"Two are better than one." Ecclesiastes.

Barbara Rosen  
Eagle Lake

### Property not suited for concerts

To the Editor,

Are you aware of the possible rezoning of Lake-side Golf Course on Highway 118 in West Guilford to become a concert venue for 10,000 plus people and camping and the mess?

What will this do to the community as we know it? Our enjoyment of relaxing evenings will be gone and trying to go anywhere with the added traffic will be horrendous.

It will put a great strain on our already burdened landfills. It could also affect our health services within our community. We have one ambulance on 24 hours a day and a second one for 12 hours a day from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. We have one

doctor at the hospital on weekends.

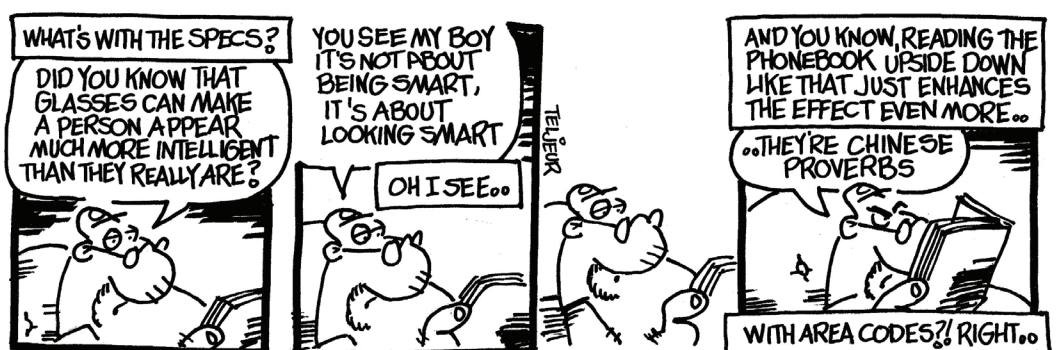
The new OPP billing is \$200.51 per household plus 60/40 split per call. We have an 86 per cent increase over five years already. What will the added calls for policing related to these events add to our taxes?

How will our fire services respond to calls if they don't have sufficient water supply? We have volunteers who work very hard to protect us. Therefore, we have to ensure they have a sufficient water supply on site for their safety and ours.

Can they facilitate a proper, healthy place at these events and fresh water for all the people?

see QUESTIONS page 8

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# Questions remain

from page 7

What about sewage?

Is this worth a few fulltime positions and possibly some part-time work?

If you have questions or concerns please

contact our representatives on council at Dysart et al and let them know! Ward 4 is without representation on this matter. Where does that leave that vote?

John and Joan Bell

## Not enough staff in long-term care

To the Editor,

Response to Kim Stamp's letter to the editor, Nov. 24

Bravo to Kim Stamp for reminding us of the critical issue of staffing in our long-term care facilities here in Haliburton County. I speak from experience, after my elderly mother came to live with my family for six months in 2013, having suffered fractured vertebrae (spontaneous compression fractures resulting from osteoporosis), in addition to pneumonia, followed by an accidental fall while hospitalized at the Minden Hospital, which resulted in further fractures, this time to several ribs as well as her pelvis. In addition to Mom's dementia, we struggled with caring for her physical needs 24/7, with the additional, much needed home help from PSWs (personal support workers) who came in twice daily to assist us. As a busy veterinarian, after six months of round-the-clock care, I realized that we were no longer able to provide my mother with the care and attention that she required and deserved.

My Mom is now at a long-term care home in Haliburton County and I have had to advocate strongly for her most basic needs (i.e.

changing her diaper/hygiene). The nursing staff and PSWs at the facility are excellent and do their very best, given the ratio of front line care workers to elderly residents. There are simply not enough staff to care for all the needs of our elders. I have had to privately hire additional help to care for my mother from 5 to 9 p.m. every week night, to ensure that she is assisted with her supper, kept clean, and has help getting ready for bed. The extra companionship and assistance has made a tremendous difference to the quality of my Mom's life. She and her room no longer smell of urine/feces when I visit and she is much more comfortable/content and less confused.

I realize that not everyone can afford to hire extra help to care for their elderly loved ones. I am worried and saddened about those who have no one to advocate for them. From an ethical standpoint, money would be better spent providing front line care through increasing staff (PSWs, nurses, etc.) in our long-term care facilities. I hope that the HHHS board will commit themselves to addressing this very real issue of lack of staffing in our long-term care facilities.

Joan Grant  
Minden

## Not in my backyard

To the Editor,

A rock concert outside of Haliburton, how wonderful! Or is it really? What are the drawbacks? Will these people spend money in Haliburton? The answer to this questions is no!

The only ones looking to make money are the promoters and anyone selling liquor. The people who go to rock concerts have one thing on their minds and it's to party. And what about your neighbours, friends and even relatives who live close to this. How does it affect them? Do we even care? After all, they're just whining because it's in their backyard. Food for thought: would you want it in your backyard? The 118 highway is our lifeline to shopping, hospital care and even work. Our livelihood is farming. How do we get farm equipment through? In the summer we have to deal with tourist traffic and cottagers all in a hurry to get to where they're going, now add in excess of 20,000 to 30,000 people on that highway coming to a festival and we're trapped.

Oh, but they are going to put in entrances off the Irish Line. We are a dead end road. How is lineups down our narrow road and the 118 going to help in an emergency? Ambulances, fire trucks, and even police won't be able to get through. Then there is the matter of our wetlands. In order to put a road over

to Lakeside they will have to fill in the marsh which I might add, has rare turtles in it. They frequently cross the Irish Line going to and from wetlands on both sides of our road. Now add to the mix a risk for fires. Black fly and mosquito season. Do you really think they're not going to build fires when camping in the bush? Or what about the careless lit cigarette thrown onto dry pine needles? It wouldn't be the first time cigarettes have caused fires. Garbage - check how much trash is left behind, the pictures are all over the Internet. How much of this is going to end up in our beautiful lake right across the street? Is all this going to end up not only in our landfills but also in our backyards? Even our basic rights to live a safe and happy life will be removed as we will have to deal with air pollution from so many vehicles, noise pollution, parties going all night and light pollution. More drunk drivers on the highways and vandalism. Who is going to speak for us in council? No one. Apparently she [the councillor] backed out due to conflict of interest. Is the potential for loss of life, environmental damage, species loss and serious health effects worth all this? Does the almighty dollar rule? Not in my backyard!

Angie Steckle  
Haliburton

## Spring bear hunt unnecessary

To the Editor,

We get so much from nature and we give so little back. Cancelling the spring bear hunt forever is one way to give back.

The more we are educated about bear behaviour and understand their ways, the more we can do to avoid conflicts. Bears look for food, not confrontations. We all know this.

The spring bear hunt is a drastic, cruel, and unwarranted human response. It was disturbing that the Ontario MNR decided to cancel Bearwise and other ways to help with bear interactions, choosing instead to act only with police in ways that are reactionary, not preventive, and to re-instate the spring bear hunt.

Irene and John Dolik



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## This Week In... Stories from our archives

2005 (Tuesday,  
December 6, 2005)

### Curlers need bigger house

For most curlers, a love of the sport is matched by a love of getting together afterwards to rehash the game and socialize.

At the Haliburton Curling Club, this combination of passions has been both its biggest drawing card and, more recently, its biggest challenge.

When the club hosts large bonspiels it's literally standing room only in the clubroom that overlooks the four rinks. There's simply not enough room to host everyone

On Saturday afternoon, president Chester Howse unveiled the plans for a 2,800 sq. ft., two storey expansion. He also joked the club members should have their cheque books handy. The

new addition will cost \$400,000.

1995 (Tuesday,  
December 5, 1995)

### Winter jumps the gun

Winter may not officially begin for close to three weeks, but don't try to pass that off on any of the Highlanders who spent last Tuesday morning digging out from under 35 centimetres of snow.

Add to that 18 other days in November when there were measurable amounts of snow - more than two tenths of a centimetre - and people can be forgiven for believing winter has arrived a bit too early.

As of Nov. 29, there was a 40 cm layer of snow blanketing the county, which is more than 10 cm deeper than usual for November.

To submit your letter  
to the editor, email  
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# Everybody needed to help with suicide prevention

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It takes a community to recognize and intervene with suicides.

Haliburton County is being given an educational opportunity with the Living Works' suicide alertness program called safeTALK (Suicide Alertness For Everyone Tell Ask Listen Keep safe) offered on Wednesday, Dec. 9 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Minden Community Centre, 55 Parkside St.

Jack Veitch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) said the ultimate goal is to have a "suicide safer community."

This means parents, professional caregivers, teachers and everybody need to be educated.

"You can think of safeTALK as suicide first aid," he said, comparing it to the importance of medical first aid.

"If someone had thoughts of suicide it would be ideal if we had the psychiatrist, the clinician, the mental health expert there, but in the real world that is not always the case so we want to have as many people as possible alert to the possible signs of suicide and know what to do and how they can help in that moment," he said.

He said it was a target of his organization to recognize communities such as Haliburton County that want these kind of educational offerings.

"There was a desire in the Haliburton [County] community to bring these kind of courses. We recog-

nized that again to be able to come out and deliver a course in Minden where people maybe don't have as much access to courses like that is going to be very helpful, especially suicide alert and prevention," he said.

Among the things that will be covered in the three-hour session, will be how to recognize whether someone is considering suicide.

"The things we're going to focus on are different actions you're going to see, statements you may hear, feelings you can sense. The biggest thing I try to emphasize to people is really trusting their gut and their instincts. If they really think something is going on with a loved one, or somebody close to them, or even someone that they are passing to reach out and provide support and connect them with someone that can help," he said.

Other signs include isolation, he adds.

The CMHA HKPR Four County Crisis is one such group with individuals who have suicide intervention training that they can connect people with.

Suicide is something everyone needs to be concerned with, Veitch says.

"Suicide affects everybody regardless of where they live or regardless of their income, regardless of their education or background. This is an issue that impacts everybody and that's why again bringing this course to as many people is very important," he said.

Pre-registration is required for the evening education. Space is limited. There are only 30 spots available for the session. The cost, which is normally \$30, is only \$20 because materials cost has been subsidized by Team55. Contact Jack Veitch at (705) 748-6687 ext. 1015 or jveitch@cmhahkpr.ca.

## U-Links to study impact of farmers' market

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The U-Links Centre for Community-Bases Research, along with the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, are applying for funding from the Rural Ontario Institute's Measuring Rural Community Vitality Initiative.

U-Links director Emma Horrigan and association president Angel Taylor visited Haliburton County councillors during their Nov. 25 meeting.

The application required a letter of municipal support but no financial contribution from the county.

"The HCFMA represents a unique case study of how to address economic development in rural communities both at the level of production and consumption," Horrigan wrote in a correspondence to the county. "Partnering with key food stakeholders across Haliburton County, we are interested in further developing and testing a methodology that will measure the broader impact of the farmers' market on our community, including other businesses, cultural tourism, and enrichment and recognition of local culture."

Since its inception in 2009, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market has grown to include three market locations – Haliburton Village, Carnarvon and, as of this year, Minden – operating spring through fall.

Its total sales annual sales have grown from \$44,000 to some \$450,000 this year.

"We think the Haliburton County Farmers' Market is an excellent case study of economic development in rural communities," Taylor told councillors, adding that not only had its vendors seen growth in their sales, but some have now graduated to production of products. "We have vendors who have commenced production since the market started."

Taylor noted the market also coalesced with the culinary tourism being one of the county's three tourism pillars and the activities of the Ontario Culinary Tourism Alliance.

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# Rowan's Law on concussions receives all-party support

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Later this month Ontario is expected to take the lead with concussion legislation in Canada following the death of a 17-year-old teenage girl days after being rendered unconscious while playing rugby.

A coroner's inquest revealed she had three concussions in less than week before her death in 2013. There are 49 recommendations including the creation of the act to be applied to all youth sport in Ontario, pertaining to head injuries, as a result of the inquest.

Named for the teen Rowan Stringer, Rowan's Law Act was presented by PC MPP Lisa MacLeod and has received sponsorship from all political parties.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, who expects the act to pass when it is voted on at Queen's Park on Dec. 10, said Stringer's death was an unfortunate motivator for this act.

"It was the lightning rod to say, 'wow, this is occurring. It is more prevalent than we thought and how do we make more people aware of concussion signs and symptoms and then how do we involve school boards? We make it mandatory,'" she said.

The act is based upon the international concussion guidelines established in Switzerland.

It will provide education to not only the coaches, but also the athletes and parents. Also, the act will provide a framework regarding an athlete's return. Medical clearance will be required and the adherence to strategies for athletes when

it comes to return to learn and return to play.

Locally, schools under the Trillium Lakelands District School Board have been operating with Concussions-Return to Learn, Return to Play policy and procedures since 2014. It applies to physical education, playground time or school-based sports activities. There are administrative procedures, outlining roles and responsibilities for senior administration, the school's principal, teachers and support staff, coaches and physical education teachers, parents/guardians and students related to awareness, action and understanding.

The 14-page policy and procedures document is a comprehensive how-to-guide for senior administration, principals, teachers, coaches, parents, guardians and students.

Scott said the all-party support, particularly in light of Rowan's death, made sense because concussions are an important issue for everyone. It has grabbed the headlines even with professional sports such as the National Hockey League and the National Football League.

She said education for all the stakeholders is key to the act.

Scott said with greater research into the effects of repetitive concussions suffered by one individual is revealing more and more than what has been known before, Scott said.

Her niece suffered through concussions from competing as a show jumper. Neither she nor the family realized there was a connection to concussions until a sports doctor helped with a diagnosis.

"My niece had to start her first year of university [with concussion symptoms]. She began to wonder [what's with my]

concentration? She can't get words out. She at 17 ... was like what's happening to me? When you look back into the history of how many times she has hit her head you deduce. The situation is that it is hard to get into [see] specialists also," she said.

Education on the topic is creating

greater awareness of the danger, which is important for greater safety.

Scott's niece has since become a case study and is part of research being conducted in Toronto.

"In general, I think it occurs more often than we think," she said.



## Slippery conditions

An westbound car slid off the road due to slippery conditions and was left upside down at the bottom of a steep embankment just off County Road 21 past Peninsula Drive on Tuesday morning in Haliburton. The lone female driver was transported to Haliburton Hospital for precautionary reasons. There were no charges./DARREN LUM Staff



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## Sir Sam's Ski and Ride celebrates five decades

The Sir Sam's Ski and Ride is celebrating its 50th year of operation and invited former and current staff members this past Saturday at the Eagle Lake location for a group photo to commemorate the occasion. Sir Sam's is a family run operation and started by RJ (Bob) Bishop Jr. They are offering 1965 rates – \$5 lift tickets and \$2.50 rentals – this opening weekend (Dec. 5/6) and a Golden Gala event on Feb. 20. See [sirsams.com](http://sirsams.com) for more information on other events and offers this year. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Toy drive lights up kids' Christmas for 20 years

JENN WATT

Editor

Twenty years ago Aggie Tose and Ave Petch were talking after church.

Petch, active with the 4Cs, was telling Tose how hard it was to find toys for kids around the holidays.

"I said maybe the Home Builders can help because they're from all over the county," recalls Tose, executive officer with the Haliburton County Home Builders Association.

The idea was an instant success and each year since the Home Builders have co-ordinated and collected toys and food for the food banks of the county.

Work can be precarious and there's no telling who might need a little help over the holidays.

"The year I started it there were two boys on my son's hockey team that weren't going to get Christmas because I knew that their mom had been laid off," she says.

"I know every year there's got to be one family in that same place. It's not something you choose. It happens."

At the beginning, there was a contest for which workplace could collect the most

goods, but eventually they decided no contest was needed: people just wanted to give.

Between eight and 12 truckloads or carloads of toys and food are donated each year.

This year, all donations need to be in by Dec. 14. To be part of the toy drive, just give Tose a call at 705-457-6901 or email [info@hchba.ca](mailto:info@hchba.ca). From there, you can arrange when pick up will be and get other details.

Tose remembers one year someone donated three beautiful dolls.

"I thought, wow. Can you just imagine somebody's face when they get that?"

Gifts for kids of all ages are needed, but especially for teenagers, who are often harder to buy for. Tose suggests basketballs and hockey sticks, gift cards to downtown businesses that teens like, or cell-phone accessories such as earbuds.

Tose says when she was a kid she remembers her father keeping a busy schedule in the Christmas season, helping out wherever he could. She can see why.

Every year as she makes the final delivery of toys to the Christmas basket program in Minden, she feels the warmth of giving; "you think, 'yeah. That was good.' It's a nice feeling."



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# Man fined for illegal construction work

A Haliburton area hunt camp owner has been fined \$1,500 for doing illegal construction work.

Thomas Alexander pleaded guilty on Nov. 17 to removing a bridge and installing a culvert in Esson Creek without a permit, a press release from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry says.

Alexander had removed an old bridge on the creek east of Haliburton and replaced it with a culvert. The culvert was installed without a work permit and without the required sediment control measures. Justice of the peace Catherine Henderson heard the case at the Ontario Court of Justice.

Landowners are reminded to contact the MNRF before doing any work near the water to make sure they follow

all the rules.

## Haliburton man fined \$3,250 for hunting offences

A Haliburton man has been fined a total of \$3,250 for hunting offences.

Wade Wood pleaded guilty and was fined \$2,000 for killing a black bear during the closed season, \$500 for failing to report the killing of another black bear which was shot in defence of property and \$750 for providing a

false statement to a conservation officer.

Court heard that between July 1 and 28, Wood killed a black bear during the closed season in the Boughner Road area, north of Haliburton. He then killed a second black bear in defence of his property and did not report the killing of the bear to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry as required. Wood also provided a false statement to a conservation officer during the investigation.

Justice of the peace Catherine Henderson heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Minden, on Nov. 17.

To report a violation, call 1-877-847-7667 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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## Beer in local grocery stores not likely

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

While the provincial government recently announced that beer would soon be sold in grocery stores, those living in Haliburton County may want to contain their excitement.

Details on the beer sales are still minimal, with the province announcing earlier this month who the successful bidders were.

A list of 13 retailers were announced as the successful bidders, among them are Loblaw's Inc and Sobeys Capital Incorporated.

Area grocers fall under these parent companies, however store owners haven't yet heard whether or not they will be carrying beer at their locations.

According to the provincial government's website, locations will be announced in December, with 60 stores given authorization to sell beer. That list will eventually expand to include 450 stores.

There are a number of guidelines and criteria stores must adhere to before being permitted to sell alcohol, which doesn't bode well for area stores.

One of the eligibility factors is that stores must have a minimum of 10,000 square feet of retail space.

Haliburton Foodland owner Brad Park said he hasn't heard yet whether or not his store will be selected to sell beer.

He said he would be happy to be a retailer that's selected to sell beer, but it's not something he's going to fight for.

"I wouldn't say no," he said. "Obviously it would be a lot of work to implement but it'd be worth it."

Todd's Independent owner Steve Todd has also not heard whether or not he will be a selected retailer.

"Basically what they said is we'll be notified if we're in the running," he said. "But if you asked me what the chances are I'd say very slim ... I'm not saying it will never happen but I don't see it happening in the near future."

Linda Easton, owner of Minden's Valu-Mart is in the same boat, having not heard yet if her store will be selected.

According to the provincial government, "prior to being able to sell beer, these successful grocers must first obtain authorization from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, to ensure social responsibility and other criteria are met."

## Book of the Month

*Fifteen Dogs* by André Alexis  
Available in print and ebook on Overdrive

"I wonder," said Hermes, "what it would be like if animals had human intelligence."

"I'll wager a year's servitude," answered Apollo, "that animals – any animal you like – would be even more unhappy than humans are, if they were given human intelligence."

Is human intelligence "an occasionally useful plague" or the ultimate carrier

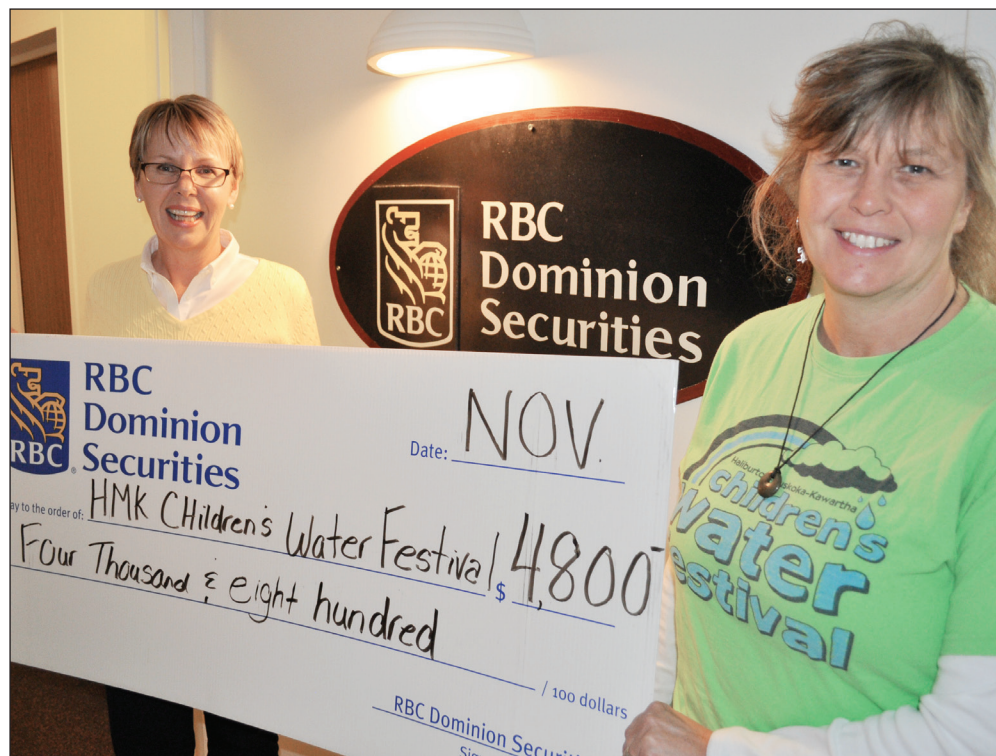
of happiness? Sitting in a Toronto tavern, gods Hermes and Apollo make a wager, and to get to the truth choose 15 dogs overnighting at a vet clinic to be their test case. Now possessing human intelligence, the gods wait until each dog meets their fate – at least one must reach the end of their life happier than they would have been for Hermes to win. Escaping the clinic, the dogs form a pack but unsure what to do with their newfound thoughts and feelings they are soon divided between those who prefer to adhere to the old ways, and those who want to explore their newly found intellect.

In this Giller Prize winning novel, André Alexis explores the beauty and perils of human consciousness through man's best friend. *Fifteen Dogs* by Andre Alexis is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

### Library News

We know Robertson Davies no longer walks among us, but we can certainly spend an evening in spirit with one of Canada's great authors. Join us on Sunday, Dec. 6 at Baked and Battered for a three course meal, and live entertainment from local band Fifth Business, all MCed by a reasonable facsimile of the great author himself. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$35.

This is our culminating event for our 50th anniversary and One Book One Community Program. For tickets contact the library administration office at 705-457-2241.



## Funding water education

Financial advisor Beth O'Connor of RBC Dominion Securities, left, presents a \$4,800 donation to Irene Heaven, coordinator of the Haliburton Muskoka Kawartha Children's Water Festival on Nov. 23 in Haliburton. The money will go towards next year's event, held at Kinark Outdoor Centre, following the rescheduling of this year's water festival due to labour negotiations with the provincial government and elementary teachers. The funds were given by the RBC Foundation, through their Blue Water Project. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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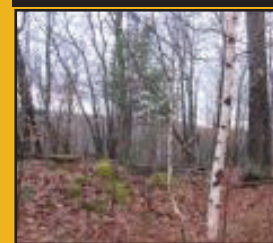
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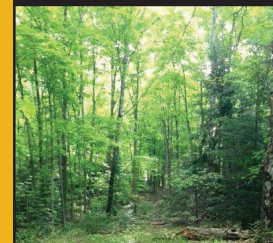
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# Shindig success brings warmth

The one-night variety show on Saturday at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton raised a record \$18,152 (more was donated since the cheque presentation) for Fuel for Warmth, a charitable organization that provides emergency assistance to those who are unable to afford to heat their homes. Last year the event raised a little more than \$4,000.



Clockwise, from top left, Mike Jaycock, as Dame Beatrice, shares a laugh with Ian "Scotty" Morrison; all of the show's entertainers (except Adam Perecko, who was in the sound and light booth) came out on the stage to end the show to sing *I'll Be Home for Christmas*; Jaycock MCs the event; the Highlands Little Theatre actors Hannah Klose, as Josephine, and Guy Pritchard, as Sir Joseph Porter perform a scene from the *HMS Pinafore*; the Haliburton Highlands Youth Ensemble, who were led by director Beth Kipping and accompanied by Tom Regina on flute, sings *Flying Free*; with Fuel for Warmth's board of directors chairperson Marilynne Lesperance, left, looking on during the cheque presentation, Lorne McNeil, as Santa, receives a kiss from Fuel for Warmth's founder Joanne Barnes while Elf, as played by Lorraine McNeil, laughs at the gratefulness expressed by Barnes at the sold out variety show. The show's co-producers Jaycock and McNeil led a dedicated group of volunteers that helped make this year's event a resounding success, which is owed to the community, whether it was the audience, the sponsors, the contributors, the prize donors and the entertainers./DARREN LUM Staff



# In the light of Christmas

Maybelle's



**Fireside stories**

Why if the first snowfall in Lake WhaddyathinkImean didn't put ol' Maybelle and my buds in the holiday spirit, don'tcha know. White puffs weighing down the limbs of evergreens like big furry dogs' paws. A sea of yard, all white and clean awaiting deer and other critters' footprints and messages. My inukshuk wearing a white cap and puffy shoulder pads. And my back porch yelling: Shovel me off, Maybelle, or your bottom's gonna be where your top is!

Ahh, winter is finally here and with it...Christmas, right around

the corner.

But, what about Christmas this year? Is it going to be different knowing that so many people are suffering in the world? After all, the whole idea of Christmas is about peace and love, giving and sharing.

Well, this was a conundrum that Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, Twindle Mumbly, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom and Beanpole Starkman and I felt that we had to discuss. So, we all met around the hearth in my living room where a warm crackling fire pulled us together in friendship.

Twindle started mumbling (as he's wont to do) about a statistic he had just read on Wikipedia. "Did you know," he said, "that by Nov. 20, 2015 there have been 298 'terrorist' incidents this year alone? TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT!"

We all looked at each other like deer in the headlights.

"I don't understand peoples who be heartless," Vilma said. (She still speaks her own form of Canadian, don'tcha know.)

Vilma's sweetheart, Officer McB, as we call him, put his big man-arm around her shoulders and forced a supportive smile.

"Well, I think those terrorists have a gene missing!" Sybil said. "They're missing the heart gene."

"They're just plain nuts," Beanpole shouted. "Crazy mean nuts. Not even human nuts. What do you think, Maybelle? You think they came from another planet?"

Bogart was searching my eyes. As many of you know, he's my pet bear who has a genius IQ and a heart the size of Saskatchewan.

"I can't speak for people who don't respect the lives of others, or their own, for that matter," I said. "I have no control over that and never will. All I know is, I have a choice to either react to their horrific deeds by being angry and afraid and wanting to strike back ...or I can stick to my non-guns and stay in my heart."

"I don't know," Twindle said. "How can you feel joyful in light of this awful stuff?"

"Now, Twindle, look at what you just said..." in LIGHT of this awful stuff."

This awful stuff is NOT the light. Joyfulness is about being in the light and not letting the darkness of these attacks kill your spirit. That's exactly what they want. That's how they win. Well, I choose to keep my heroes up front and centre and follow their lead."

"You mean the Kardashians?" Vilma said.

Sybil's eyes popped. "Vilma, you've GOT to be kidding."

"Yes, I kidding," Vilma said. "Maybelle and me share heroes, like Mr. Gandhi ... Martin Luther King...Dolly Lama ..."

That was my cue. "Christmas is a time to spread loving kindness and ol' Maybelle can only spread it if I feel it first. So that's what I'm going to focus on."

Bogart's eyes softened. I could swear that bear was smiling at me. In fact, I'm sure of it.

"Mama, Maybelle," he said. He was wearing his thought-voice synthesizer cap that let us all hear what he was thinking. "Christmas is going to be the best ever this year, because our hearts will be so full of love for everyone who needs it."

That's when my heart melted. Bogart does it to me every time.

So, from ol' Maybelle and my good friends in Lake WhaddyathinkImean ...

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and ... May the light in your house, be you.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories* is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, *Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon*, is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)



## Art Heaven on at Rails End

Heavenly volunteers Vicki Sisson, left, and Dagmar Boettcher serenade visitors with the ukelele at Rails End Gallery during the opening of Art Heaven, a fundraiser that gives gently used art a second chance at finding a home. The month-long exhibit opened on Nov. 20 and runs until Dec. 19. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Artist Terry Wright checks out the art for sale at Rails End Gallery during the opening of Art Heaven, a fundraiser that gives gently used art a second chance at finding a home. The month long exhibit opened on Nov. 20 and runs until Dec. 19. In its inaugural year, the fundraiser welcomed donations from art from the community, pieces include paintings, jewelry, pottery and more. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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the editor to [jenn@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:jenn@haliburtonpress.com)



Highland Wood Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday December 5th 10:00am-1:00pm.

Highland Wood Long Term Care's Activity Room,  
Attached to the Hospital. 7199 Gelert Road, Haliburton





### Wolf pack cuts wood for Heat Bank

The Haliburton Wolves participated in a wood cutting day for Heat Bank Haliburton County on Nov. 24 at Abbey Gardens. The Heat Bank helps those in need keep their homes warm during the winter months. You can call them at 705-306-0565. Photo submitted by Jessica Noble

## Results of the Haliburton Legion Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contests

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank the 132 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day Literary and Poster contests.

I would also like to thank the teachers, school administration staff, and parents, who encourage their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

This year we had entries from three schools: Stuart Baker ES, JD Hodgson ES, and Haliburton Highlands HS, plus one home entry.

Without our panel of judges there would be no competition, therefore we wish to thank all our judges for a job well done.

Listed below are the winners of each contest. All first place winners will move on to compete with other entries at the zone level.

#### Poem contest:

- Senior Category (Grades 10, 11, 12)
  - 1st – Victoria Hawley
- Intermediate Category (Grades 7,8,9)
  - 1st – Emma Bootin
  - 2nd – Charlotte Paton
  - 3rd – Jessica Byers
- Junior Category (Grades 4,5,6)
  - 1st – Sophie Lafferty
  - 2nd – Kaitlynn Fischer
  - 3rd – Sophie Margaret Longo

#### Essay contest

- Senior Category
  - 1st – Victoria Hawley
- Intermediate Category
  - 1st – Charlotte Paton
  - 2nd – Monique Dulong
  - 3rd – Ania Smolen
- Junior Category
  - 1st – Campbell Itani Smith

- 2nd – Cassidy McMullen – Szpik
- 3rd – Alyssa Marie Morissette

#### Poster contest- black and white

- Intermediate Category
  - 1st – Morgan Burke
  - 2nd – Ania Smolen
  - 3rd – Emma Brohm
- Junior Category
  - 1st – Alyssa Morissette
  - 2nd – Isabel Mill
  - 3rd – Jocelynn Isabelle Lafleur
- Primary Category (Grades 1, 2, 3)
  - 1st – Cheyenne Degeur
  - 2nd – Joshua Scheffee
  - 3rd – Taliah Dumas - Stephenson

#### Poster contest- colour

- Intermediate Category
  - 1st – Brandon Pettipas – Elkins
  - 2nd – Connie Oh
- Junior Category
  - 1st – Abigail Lewis
  - 2nd – Mya Jones
  - 3rd – Natasha Hewer
- Primary Category
  - 1st – Annabelle Borgdorff
  - 2nd – Tate Itani Smith
  - 3rd – Leanne Sidsworth

The winners of each category will be sent to the zone level by Nov. 30. You will be advised of further results when they are known.

All prizes will be awarded at the annual awards night in April 2016.

Submitted by Brian Hambly, Youth Education Chairman.  
RCL Branch 129

## New design program comes to Fleming

*Moving Image Design is the only 15-week accelerated program of its kind in Ontario*

Expanding on its cluster of design and media programs, the Haliburton School of The Arts will introduce a new Moving Image Design program in September 2016.

Located at the Haliburton campus, this 15-week accelerated certificate program is unique in Ontario. Students learn to design, create and present artistic digital content, known as time-based art.

"This is a fantastic program that will provide students with a wide range of general skills in the area of moving images. Industry experts will instruct students on the elements and principles of creating a moving image using narrative, light and sound, animation, installation and editing. Toward the end of the semester, students will have the opportunity to create a comprehensive project that will be an impressive addition to their digital portfolio," said Sandra Dupret, Dean, Haliburton School of The Arts.

Students will create digital content for a variety of platforms and explore a range of software tools and digital studio techniques. They will also work with hand-held technologies such as mobile devices, laptop computers and digital cameras.

Unlike traditional artwork, time-based arts are defined by duration. This could include a two-minute YouTube video, a 15-second pop-up ad on a website, or a minute-long movie trailer playing in a movie theatre.

The program is split into three core areas of study: creation of moving images, where students understand artistic elements and tools; presentation possibilities, which examines projection and installation art; and exploration, which allows students to determine their own themes, and initiate a project.

"Our graduates will be equipped to work in the disciplines of media and technology, and they will have a great set of artist tools that they can use in their personal studio practice," said Dupret.

Renowned for its arts programs such as artist blacksmith, sculpture, and jewelry essentials, the Haliburton School of The Arts also offers a 15-week Digital Image Design program, a three-semester Integrated Design diploma program, and a new Graphic Design – Visual Communication advanced diploma (delivered in Peterborough at the Sutherland Campus).

For more information on Moving Image Design, visit: [flemingcollege.ca/programs/moving-image-design](http://flemingcollege.ca/programs/moving-image-design).

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# sports

## Wolves show positive signs of change

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's taken some time, but the Haliburton Wolves are turning a corner said coach Josh Shaw following a 5-1 loss to the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League's top North Division team Temiscaming Titans.

On Thursday, the Wolves had three full lines of players and showed signs of progress and even had the Titans on the defensive after Ryan Salazar narrowed the deficit to 2-1 with his fourth goal of the season in the first period at the A.J. LaRue Arena.

The Wolves were skating well, winning battles in the corners and finishing their checks. Former Red Hawks forward Stewart Chaulk garnered the greatest cheers, as he hit several Titans' players.

Shaw loved his team's effort in the loss and thought his team was competitive for the early part of the game and the third period when neither team scored.

"They're giving me everything they got. I can't question their work ethic and heart. That's what I want from them," he said.

He acknowledges his team is still going to need to stay out of the box against a strong squad like the Titans, who got a pair with the man-advantage.

"We've got to stay out of the box against them because they have a good powerplay, especially their five-on-three," he said.

The Titans capitalized on powerplays and strung together three unanswered goals in the second period despite Wolves goalie Motoki Watanabe stopping 30 shots.

The fifth Titans goal was even-strength, four-on-four.

The grit and toughness of his team is something fans can expect in the future, Shaw said.

"That's the team we're building. We got three or four skill guys, but we're going to be a hard working, gritty team. We're going to hit," he said. "I'm not exactly thrilled with the fights tonight, but ... we're going to be really nasty to play against and I'm going to tell you right now they're definitely thinking twice of facing us again. When we went down there with eight players we lost [11-2]. They're going to feel this game. They're going to feel it on the way home. Both teams played hard. It was a rough game."



The Temiscaming Titans' forward Nicholas Jasmin, left, looks on as Haliburton Wolves forward Zack Thorsen looks for the loose puck at the feet of Titans' player Scott Marshall in Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action on Thursday night at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.



Temiscaming Titans player Hampus Fagrell collides with a Haliburton Wolves player in Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League action on Thursday night at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Although the Wolves lost 5-1, the game was competitive through the first half of the game. Wolves forward Ryan Salazar scored the lone goal for the home team while goalie Motoki Watanabe stopped 56 shots in the loss./DARREN LUM Staff

Shaw was impressed with the effort by Norfolk Vikings players Connor Aleksic and Andres Roy, and London Lakers player Lachlan McKenzie.

"I'm definitely happy to get some new boys in," he said, referring to their grit and effort displayed in their first game.

The new players were traded for forward Ivan Tamaskovic, who left the bench during the Wolves home game on Nov. 19. Tamaskovic is listed on the Vikings' roster.

Things are coming slower than Shaw anticipated before he took over.

"I'm disappointed in myself. It's weird to say it, but I honestly thought I could come in – not be a miracle worker – but maybe show a little more progress, but at the same we only had 10 players. It's hard to show progress. They'll do everything right for two periods and then the third period they're just too tired to think, let alone do what you want them to do," he said.

Just before the three recent additions, the team added local Braydin Hollows, a forward.

Shaw appreciates how he has fit in and filled a role.

"He's the agitator. He's the one that gets under everybody's skin. He'll score one every 10 games or whatever and he just [plays] his role," he said.

Hollows has a pair of goals in the five games he has played.

Shaw took over a month ago and has just one win, but has won the confidence of the team.

In that time the team culture has changed. There are less penalties after the whistle. The vibe is upbeat and there is optimism in the air.

This could all be short lived and wishful thinking, but watching their latest home game things could have been different if a bounce here are there occurred. An amazing thought for a team with only 10 points to the 43 points of the Titans. On the ice you would have never known.

The Titans, who beat the Wolves 11-2 in their last meeting when Haliburton had less than 10 skaters, led the

head-to-head matchup 4-0.

Wolves forward Tanner Hamilton, who was ejected in the second period for fighting, was honoured days before as the second captain in franchise history following Cole Rowden.

"I've always looked up to Cole. He's the older kid. He was always the older kid with us so it's an honour to be the captain. I just hope with new players we change it around," he said.

Rowden has been serving a multi-game suspension and is still on the team's roster.

Hamilton credited the progress of the team with coach Shaw.

"The boys are starting to get happy here," he said.

Shaw didn't hide his admiration for his Japanese goalie who earned the first star of the game.

"Motoki's playing himself into a No. 1 role for sure," he said.

As of Friday, Watanabe leads all goalies with 714 saves. The next closest is Bracebridge Blues goalie Artem Bor-tovskiy, who has 169 saves less. Shaw, who admits defensive coverage is an area that can be improved, wants to cut down the shots against.

Watanabe kept the game's score from resembling a football final score, stopping 56 of 61 shots for a .918 save percentage, including 33 in the second period.

The other stars were from the Titans. Captain Ryder Murray finished with four assists and the second star while teammate Jacob Goldverg turned aside 27 shots for the third star.

The Wolves are 5-20-0 after losing this weekend 6-3 to Seguin. They only had two minor penalties for four minutes in the game.

The Wolves will host the Bobcaygeon Storm this week on Thursday. In their only meeting back on Nov. 15, the Wolves beat the Storm 9-4.

**Wolves notes:** Defenceman Owen Flood, goalie Elijah Shark and forward Bryan Sieber are no longer on the official roster.

## Red Hawks rookie wrestlers shine in COSSA tourney

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week of Nov. 23

### Wrestling with success

The Red Hawks wrestling team travelled to Cobourg to compete at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics region rookie tournament on Wednesday, Nov. 25. All wrestlers continued to improve throughout the day. Congratulations to Lucas Bortolussi, Kea-

gan Gillam, Emily Klose, Noelle Dupret Smith and Chloe Samson who all went undefeated at the event.

### Exhibition loss has promise

The junior boys' Red Hawks basketball team opened their season with a spirited effort against the Bracebridge Lakers in an exhibition game on Thursday, Nov. 26. The

boys shook off some bad luck around the rim in the first half and played with discipline at both ends of the floor in the second half. Despite dropping the game 42-23, the game was much closer than the score indicated. Sam Longo led the Red Hawks attack with nine points, Alex Petrie and Ben Schmidt had four points apiece, Jonas Hill had a nice bucket, Brandon Verstege hit a foul shot, and Caden "Swish" Little hit a pure three.

Submitted by Judi Paul



# Winning week for Peewee A Storm

## Peewee A Storm twice defeats Bears

Last Friday night the South Muskoka Bears visited the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports Highland Storm peewee A team. The storm scored right away with a net drive by Joe Boice from Aaron Bellefleur.

The combatants traded chances, but it was the storm who added another tally, five minutes later by Dylan Keefer, helpers from Boice and Nick Phippen. The second period started with the storm up two to nothing.

Beast of a Power forward, Keefer added another goal with a short-handed maker, from two-way forward, Phippen. Although shorthanded, the Storm were able to add to their lead with a nice goal by speedy forward, Hunter Winder, who drove to the net hard all night capturing the attention of the crowd. After only a few seconds back at even strength, team captain Alex Little sent a laser beam through traffic and through the goalie, to put the Storm up by five, second-year peewees Brenden Newhook and Cole Prentice got the helpers. Prentice put this already "out-of-reach-game" further so, by putting the final nail in the coffin with the sixth goal. The Storm outshot the Bears 41-19 and when asked about the game, head coach Richie Mills said that the boys did what they had to do for the most part, getting the puck deep, forechecked well, keeping the Bears chances to the outside, and capitalized on their own scoring chances.

On Saturday evening the team travelled to Parry Sound to face the Shamrocks, with the visitors coming away with a 7-0 victory. The first period produced only one goal, Aaron Bellefleur, a dependable defenceman with "dirty dangles" capitalized on an opportunity, from Aiden Neave and Joe Bioce. Seven minutes into the second Joe Boice scored and goal and three minutes after that added another to extend the lead to three. The third started with a bang, when Neave put one past the shamrock goalie who was seeing lots of rubber all night, assist from Hunter winder. The third period was taken over by team captain and points machine Alex Little, when he scored the next three goals recording the natural hat trick in the final frame.

Their third game in as many nights, the boys faced South Muskoka in a quick rematch to Friday night's 6-0 thumping. Unlike the last meeting the Bears kept the intensity up as it became obvious that they might have been embarrassed last game. The Bears' goalie faced 38 shots for the game, which was a low number considering what was directed at his net. Hunter Winder, who had a monster of a weekend, had the only goal of the game and Darian Maddock recorded his third consecutive shutout in the win.

*Submitted by Trevor Maddock*

## Midget A Storm wins 4-1 against Ice Devils

The well-rested Dollo's Foodland and Smolen's Dentistry Highland Storm Midget A team took to the ice against the Almaguin Ice Devils in Minden on Sunday afternoon after inclement weather cancelled their game Friday night.

The first period had the home side carrying the play with many fine chances but unable to capitalize and the first ended knotted at nil. The second was a more even

affair with both goalies standing tall and the Ice Devils opening the scoring with just over six minutes left, on a power play goal, but the Highlanders came on in a fury with Jaydon Wood scoring the equalizer two minutes later and Owen Patterson-Smith tallying the go ahead goal, quickly after that, leaving the second period with the Highlanders ahead 2-1. Haliburton came out flying in the third, tallied two more, another each by Wood and Patterson-Smith, coupled with the a great defensive effort and rock solid goaltending of Ethan Howe, the home team finished it 4-1 for their second consecutive victory.

This weekend the team is off to Pembroke for the Silver Stick Tournament where they look to build on their winning ways!

*Submitted by Katie and Dave Howe*

## Hawks come out ahead in Silver Stick

The Walker's and Heating Haliburton Health Team Highland Storm Peewee AE's were the host team this past weekend for the International Silver Stick Regional Hockey Tournament in Minden.

Game one was bright and early Saturday morning against league rival Huntsville Otters. The Otters have had the Storm's number for much of the season but that didn't deter our team as Tim Turner scored early in the first period. The game was very fast paced with end to end action and great saves by both goaltenders. The teams exchanged goals frequently with neither holding more than a one goal lead at any time. The game ended 4-4 with Kolby McGovern and Tyler Martin with a pair scoring the other Storm goals.

In game two, the Storm played the Stirling Blues. The game remained scoreless throughout most of the first period with much of the action taking place in the Blue's end as the Storm frequently buzzed around looking for that first goal. The Storm finally broke through near the end of the first period when Sam Hoenow scored on a beautiful wrist shot. The Storm clung onto that one goal lead for most of the game and came close time and time again looking for the insurance marker. With only four minutes to go the Stirling team was given the opportunity to go on the power play and finally beat stellar goaltender Nathan Miscio. Unfortunately for the Storm, the Blue's scored another goal about a minute later handing the Highland Storm a heart breaking 2-1 loss.

In the third game of the tournament the Storm took on the undefeated Tweed Hawks. The Hawks scored within the first two minutes and than popped in another three before the game was even five minutes old. The Storm caught a lucky break when Brendan Coumbs scored on a shot from the neutral zone. Coumbs scored again early in the second period on the power play to make things interesting at 4-2. Tweed however never slowed down and by the end of the middle frame had restored their four goal cushion, 6-2. The Storm high point of the game was Coumbs getting the hat trick with a power play goal in the final period. The Tweed Hawks went on to take a convincing 8-3 win to remain undefeated in the opening round and eliminating the Storm from the tournament.

Upcoming this weekend the Peewee AE's will travel to Gravenhurst on both Saturday and Sunday to resume league play against the South Muskoka Bears.

*Submitted by Gord Hoenow*

## Tykes take down Bears

The Tom Prentice and Sons / RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team were in action on Saturday, November 28 facing off against Tweed in Wilberforce. Their first meeting this season was a battle from start to finish so this game was set to be no different. Tweed came out strong and dominated play early taking a 3-0 lead into the second period. The Storm battled back with a goal by Josh Scheffee in the second period and a goal by Brady Burtch in the third, but were unable to fend off the strong offensive charge of Tweed. Strong goaltending by Chase Winder kept the score within reach. The Storm lost their first game of the season 6-2.

The Tom Prentice and Sons/RM Carpentry Highland Storm Tyke team travelled to Bracebridge on Sunday, Nov. 29 to play their seventh game of the season against the South Muskoka Bears. The Storm were first to light up the scoreboard and with a solid team effort they managed to keep the number of scoring chances for the Bears to a minimum. Goals for the Storm were scored by Brady Burtch, Connor Byrne, Brechin Johnston and Jace Mills. The Storm net minder, Chase Winder, made some incredible saves to seal the victory 7-3. The team is in action next Saturday at the Woodville Tyke tournament and at home on Sunday where they will face the Muskoka Rock for the first time this season. The puck drops at 1 p.m. in Haliburton.

*By Janice Scheffee*

## Bantam A battles Thunder Kings

The Pepper Mill Highand Storm Bantam A team travelled to Pembroke to participated in the Regional Silver Stick tournament, which promotes citizenship and international goodwill. The first game was played Friday, Nov. 27 and against the Mississippi Thunder Kings. The Storm was completely overpowered period after period.

Although, they fought back hard, they suffered a 5-0 loss. The next day, they met the North Dundas Demons.

The teams were closely matched and provided some awesome end-to-end action. The Demons got on the scoreboard first, late in the second period. The Storm worked hard to produce a goal but it was the Demons that got another one, late in the third. With just over a minute left in the game, the Storm pulled their goalie and put out the extra player. That, along with sheer determination got the Storm team their first goal. The action was intense in the Demon's end. Noah Black took a shot from the point during a fierce battle in front of the net. Lucas Haedicke picked up the rebound and found the opening.

Ending the game 2-1. Later on that day, the Storm team met with the Baltimore Ice Dogs. It was an entertaining game of back and forth action, with a multitude of scoring opportunities for the Storm. The Storm team did everything but score, which caused the frustration to grow. Finally, with minutes left in the third, Shawn Walker took a shot from the point. Lucas Haedicke picked up the rebound, took a laser shot passed the goalie and secured the win.

Join us Friday night at 8 p.m. in Minden when the Storm Bantam A team will meet the Huntsville Otters.

*By Suzanne Haedicke*

# Red Hawks boys' basketball team gains valuable experience

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School senior boys basketball team participated in the Eighth annual VanHemme Memorial Basketball Tournament in Peterborough on Friday, Nov. 20. Head coach David Waito wanted the team to participate in a tournament before the conference games began. As a result, the team participated in this tournament against teams substantially bigger than Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, which is considered Class A due to its size of less than 500 students. The team played against Crestwood, a Class AAA team, Kenner, a Class AA team, and Holy Cross, a Class AAA team. The team lost all three of its games, but, considering that they were playing three games in one day, they played fairly well and were able to identify areas where they needed improvement.

The first game was against Crestwood with Crestwood

prevailing, 58-32. The score at the end of the first quarter was Crestwood ahead 15-10. The Red Hawks were led in scoring by Nick Thompson with 12 points. Thompson also led the team in rebounding, pulling down 10 rebounds with Jalen Campbell garnering six rebounds. Caleb Schmidt followed Nick in scoring with 11 and Hunter Smith had eight points.

In the second game of the day, Kenner High School won, 40-25. The Red Hawks built up a lead in the first quarter, 11-7, with Kenner scoring a desperation three point shot at the end of the quarter, resulting in a Red Hawk lead of 11-10 after one quarter. Kenner led at half time 22-16, but only led 26-24 at the end of three quarters before the Red Hawks tired. Haliburton was led in scoring by Nick Thompson with six, followed by Hunter Smith and McKay Coneybeare with five each. Nick

Thompson again led the team in rebounding, pulling down 12 boards, followed by Jalen Campbell with seven rebounds.

In the final game of the day, the Red Hawks played Holy Cross High School, losing 58-32. At the end of the first quarter, the team trailed only 15-10, but Holy Cross had too much depth and too much height, starting three players taller than anyone on the Red Hawks' team, Kenner's tallest player being 6'8". Hunter Smith led the Red Hawks in scoring with 12 points and also 6 rebounds. Caleb Schmidt also had six boards and six points.

Coach Waito felt that the games were very beneficial for the team and is looking forward to the league games, which began on Thursday, Nov. 26, against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute.

*Submitted by Gord Cochrane*



# Craft and bake sale continues tradition

community news

## west guilford

Eleanor Cooper  
754-2278

Thanks to Shontel Morris on the Nov. 21 Craft and Bake Sale, proceeded smoothly with 25 vendors presenting various wares and products in both the main and the smaller room (you know, that little room where I taught grades 1, 2 and 3 so long ago!) The lunch counter proved popular too with the offering of chili, grilled cheese sandwiches and biscuits to name a few delectables. Maple Lake United Church's bake table tempted many a customer who had come to find the answer for early Christmas shopping.

Somewhat belatedly, our sympathy is extended to Glen Sawyer on the passing of his wife, Geraldine on Nov. 16. Geraldine had been a resident in Extencicare

since July 16 of this year. She was predeceased by her son Roger, and is survived by Dave Sawyer, his wife, Pat and their three daughters. The visitation took place on Nov. 18 at Monks Funeral Home and the burial at Maple Lake United Church on Nov. 19.

It is always sad to say good-bye to the nearest and dearest, and more condolences and sympathy go to Ray Campbell as well in the death of his wife, Amie (Jones) predeceased by their daughter, Brenda, and survived by sons Brian of Haliburton and David of Castleton. Maple Lake United Church cemetery will be the site of Amie's burial on the spring, cremation having taken place.

Medeba is the site of a Christmas dinner on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m., appetizers preceding. The event is offered free to the West Guilford residents. Cheers to Medeba staff for this hearty welcome and their prospective hearty dinner! You may get further details by calling Sarah Langman at 455-2020.

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## Harcourt fire a loss for the community

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## wilberforce

Hilda Clark  
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At their monthly meeting last Wednesday evening the local book club members had a lively discussion of *The Postmistress*, the book read during November. They found the author's development of the main characters good and the story line very relevant in light of current world problems. They will be reading *The Friday Night Knitting Club* during December.

The Harcourt Community Centre was destroyed by fire on Sunday, Nov. 29. What a great loss this is for the people of Harcourt and the surrounding area. This hall with its well equipped kitchen and its reasonable size was well designed for varied activities. They ranged from dances to bingo, from wedding and funeral receptions to anniversary and birthday parties, from a sewing group and dinners to art lessons. It has been a well used very functional facility. So many good times and great memories there. Let's hope this heart of Harcourt will soon be beating again.

Best wishes to Sharon Stoughton-Craig who recently retired from her position as CAO of the Municipality of Highlands East. An open house reception in her honour was held at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Friday, Nov. 27. Many people came to share time with Sharon to thank her and wish her well in much deserved retirement.

Sharon has provided capable leadership for the Municipality of Highlands East since Jan. 1, 2000 when the geographic townships of Cardiff, Glamorgan, Monmouth and Bicroft were amalgamated. Before that Sharon had headed the staff in Monmouth for many years after being part of the staff for Glamorgan.

Her knowledge and grasp of the full

range of municipal affairs and her willingness to learn and adapt with change has served this municipality very well.

Thank you, Sharon. You will be missed by staff, by elected officials, by community volunteers and by many citizens. Remember the good times. There are more good times ahead for you. Free at last. Have fun.

Oh, but in case after an extended break you feel the creative juices flowing I'm sure we can find a committee or two that could use your talents!

Do remember the Craft Sale at the LWMC this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hope you will enjoy lunch there as well as some good shopping.

And Santa visits Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 13. The elves are busy preparing. How about entering the parade?

## Notices



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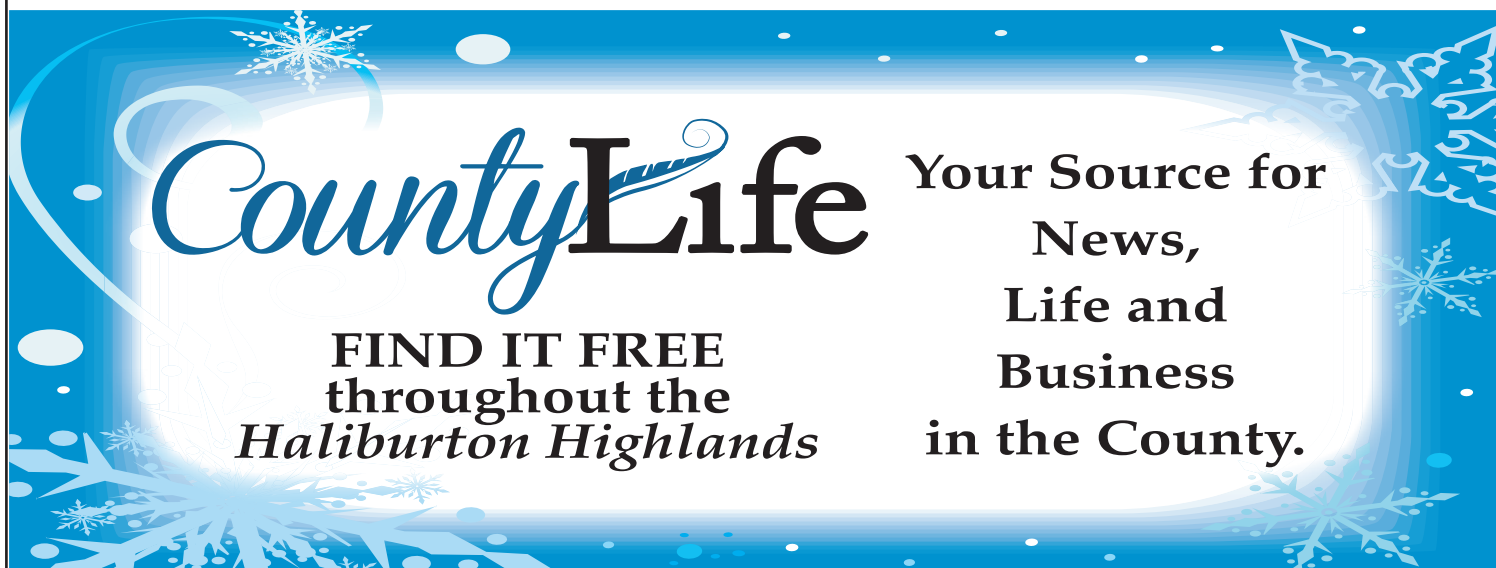
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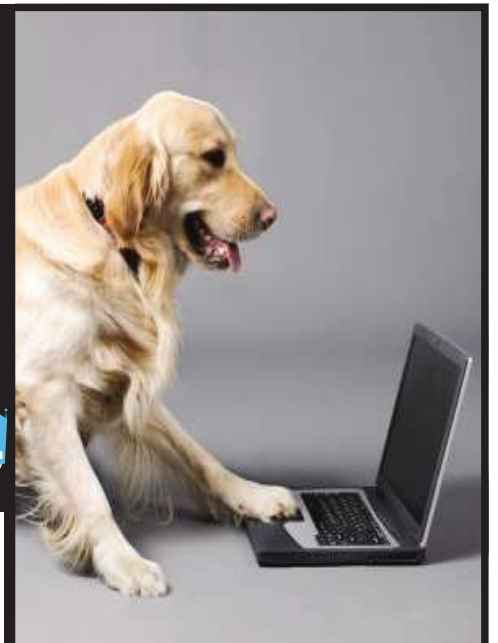
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**Amie Evelyn Campbell**  
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Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday afternoon,  
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Beloved wife of Raymond Campbell for over 60 years. Loving  
mother of Brian and David (Sue). Predeceased by her daughter  
Brenda (Dion Moore). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren  
Wesley (Nicki), Amy and Cody Campbell. Loving great grandmother of Carson and  
Jayce Campbell. Dear sister of Gordon Jones (Ada - predeceased). Predeceased by  
her brother Morris (Dorothy), her sister Elva (Arthur) and by her brother Rowatt  
Jones (Vera). Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

**Graveside Service & Reception**

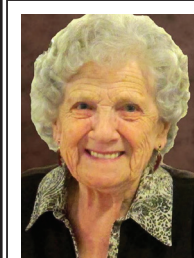
Friends are invited to a Graveside Service at **MAPLE LAKE UNITED CHURCH  
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great grandmother of Ava, Lila, Faith, Hayden, Garrett, Erik and Amanda.

Dear sister of Marie (deceased). Fondly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127  
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